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NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

Mr. William Flegenheimer, for nearly forty years a practicing attorney in Richmond, and one of the best Admiralty lawyers in the State, died at his home in that city January 27th. He was born near Heidelberg, Germany, in August, 1832, and was in his 78th year. As a boy he participated in the Revolution to depose the Grand Duke of Baden, and was wounded while serving in the ranks of the Revolutionists. He served in the Confederate army with great gallantry, engrossed the Ordinance of Secession for the Virginia convention, wrote the credentials of Mason and Slidell, whose seizure from an English vessel by Union naval officers came near involving the United States in war with Great Britain, and later he wrote the bail bond of Jefferson Davis.

Heinrich Brunner, professor of law in the University of Berlin, will celebrate on June 21, 1910, his seventieth birthday. A committee of prominent German jurists has been formed to assure due recognition, on this anniversary, of Brunner's achievements as teacher and as writer. It is proposed to publish, as is customary on such occasions, a volume of essays prepared in his honor by his colleagues and former pupils, and also to raise a fund for a permanent memorial. In view of the fact that Brunner's researches in early German law and in the law of the Frank Empire have direct bearing upon the legal history of all the West-European States, including England, and that the results attained by him have been of the greatest value to French, Italian and English legal historians, it has seemed proper to give to the lawyers and historical students of all these countries and of the United States an opportunity to contribute to the memorial fund.

All American lawyers and historians who are familiar with the development of legal history during the last forty years are aware that Brunner, in his monumental "History of German Law," has cleared up many important and previously obscure points in Anglo-Saxon and in Anglo-Norman law, and that before the appearance of this work he had shown, in a now famous little book, the origin of the English jury system. No reader of Maitland or of Thayer or of Ames is ignorant of the debt which English legal history owes to Brunner. It is hoped that American lawyers and other Americans who are interested in legal history will largely embrace this opportunity to do honor, during his life, to one of the most eminent of living scholars. Since the value of the testimonial will depend far more on the number of subscribers than on the amount of their subscriptions, it is hoped that no one who wishes to contribute will hesitate to send a small sum. By direction of the German committee, American contributions are to be sent to Professor MUNROE SMITH, Columbia University, New York City.